(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) There is a Scheme for paying honorarium to Village Health Guides at Rs. 50/- per month. The amount is paid through the State Government.

As per available information as on 31st Dec., 1996, there are 320862 Village Health Guides in the country. The State-wise list is given in the Statement attached.

(b) to (d) An Expert Committee has been set up to review the scheme.

STATEMENT

| Sl. No. | State/UT | No. of Village Health Guides reported working |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 34334 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh** | N.A |
| 3. | Assam | 11001 |
| 4. | Bihar | 10431 |
| 5. | Goa$ | — |
| 6. | Gujarat | 3004 |
| 7. | Haryana | 270 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 3450 |
| 9. | Jammu & Kashmir* | N.A. |
| 10. | Karnataka | 15128 |
| 11. | Kerala** | N.A. |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 30619 |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 36506 |
| 14. | Manipur | 1695 |
| 15. | Meghalaya | 1296 |
| 16. | Mizoram | 510 |
| 17. | Nagaland | 548 |
| 18. | Orissa | 21017 |
| 19. | Punjab | 9624 |
| 20. | Rajasthan | 8982 |
| 21. | Sikkim | 205 |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu* | N.A. |
| 23. | Tripura | 1837 |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | 90111 |
| 25. | West Bengal | 39965 |
| 26. | A & N Island | 150 |
| 27. | Chandigarh | N.A. |
| 28. | D & N Haveli | 1 |
| 29. | Delhi | — |
| 30. | Daman & Diu$ | — |
| 31. | Lakshadweep | 11 |
| 32. | Pondicherry | 167 |
| | TOTAL : | 320862 |

N.A. — Not Available

* — Alternative Health Guide (AHG) Scheme functioning in the State.

** — Alternative Health Guide Scheme not being implemented.

$ — VHG Scheme terminated since 01.08.1985

**Housing Assistance to Poor People**

20. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether providing housing assistance to the poor people is a part of basic minimum services;

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any action plan to implement this provision;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether any allocation has been made for this purpose;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR) : (a) to (f) Yes Sir. Provision of public housing assistance to all shelterless poor families forms a part of the Basic Minimum Services (BMS). The BMS Programme has been launched in the country since 1996-97 with the objective of ensuring access of all the people to the seven identified basic services including housing in a time bound manner. The BMS guidelines interalia stipulate that time bound action plans should be formulated by the States for this purpose.

In addition to the on-going Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Indira Awas Yojana, several State Govts./UTs also have their own State schemes to provide housing assistance into the shelterless poor.

In order to complement the efforts of the State Govts., the Centre has allocated Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for the BMS. While for the year 1996-97, Rs. 2244 crores of ACA for BMS was provided to all States/UTs, it has been enhanced to Rs. 2970 crores for 1997-98. However, States have been given flexibility to make their own interse allocation of ACA for BMS among the seven BMS components depending upon their plan priorities.

*[English]*

**Power Projects in M.P.**

21. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Power Stations/Sub-Stations installed in the State of Madhya Pradesh as on date and the power generation capacity of each Station/sub-Station during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the power generation capacity of these power stations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) There are 7 thermal power stations including 2 of NTPC and 6 hydel power stations (excluding mini and micro plants) located in Madhya Pradesh. As on March, 1997 there were 1661 Sub-stations (EHV and HV) and 1,64,877 distribution transformer sub-stations in Madhya Pradesh.

The details of increase in the power generation capacity during the last three years are given below:

| As on | Installed Capacity (MW) | | | Capacity increase during the year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Central Sector | State Sector | Total | |
| 1993-94 (31.3.94) | 3360 | 3783 | 7143 | — |
| 1994-95 (31.3.95) | 3360 | 3863 | 7223 | 80 MW increase on account of commissioning of 2×40 MW Hydel Units at Hasdeo Bango on 21.11.1994 and 11.1.1995 respectively. |
| 1995-96 (31.3.96) | 3360 | 3863 | 7223 | — |
| 1996-97 (31.3.97) | 3360 | 3863 | 7223 | — |
| 1997-98 (31.10.97) | 3360 | 3863 | 7223 | — |